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COLLEGE OPENING MOST AUSPICIOUS

ATTENDANCE IS LARGEST
IN THE HISTORY OF
INSTITUTION.

DORMITORY SPACE
IS AT A PREMIUM

Boarding Houses Called Upon
to Provide for the Overflow
from Dormitories.

President H. L. Whitfield in-
formed the Commercial just be-
fore time for going to press
that fully eight hundred stu-
dents had registered up to the
time the office of the registrar
closed for the day, and stated
that there were many others
waiting to matriculate.

Although the Mississippi Indus-
trial Institute and College derives its
patronage largely from rural dis-
tricts the boll weevil ravages which
have brought such extended disaster
to farmers throughout the state have
not deleteriously affected its atten-
dance, the institution having inau-
gurated its thirty-second annual ses-
sion Tuesday with a larger number
of students than were ever before
present on an opening day.

Students began to arrive in goodly
numbers Sunday and on Monday
and Tuesday practically every train
which reached the city added to the
number, more than two hundred hav-
ing arrived on one train. The process
of matriculation is being carried on
as rapidly as possible, but it is neces-
sarily slow work, and not more than
75 per cent of the young ladies who
are in the city, have as yet signed the
college register. There are now more
than five hundred names on this reg-
ister, and the three hundred pros-
pective students who are now on the
ground waiting to matriculate will
run the number up to fully eight
hundred.

The large number of letters re-
ceived by President Whitfield during
the summer indicated a recordbreak-
ing attendance, and for several
weeks past arrangements to accom-
modate the young ladies have been
in progress. With this end in view
the executive some time ago gave
notice that dormitory accommoda-
tions for teachers would be material-
ly reduced, the number being limited
to one on each floor of the several
buildings devoted to sleeping apart-
ments, and remaining members of
the faculty have been forced to seek
lodgings elsewhere. The campus is
surrounded by a large number of at-
tractive boarding houses, and not
only the majority of the instructors
but more than one hundred students
will be compelled to seek damage
therein, as it will be utterly impos-
sible for all of them to secure lodg-
ings in the college dormitories.

Miss Ruth Mullins has been spend-
ing the past several days with friends
at Brooksville.

3,000 ADDITIONAL CHILDREN LOCATED ON SECOND COUNT

ENUMERATION OF PROF NASH
BRINGS NUMBER UP TO
STANDARD OF 1912.

The second enumeration of educa-
ble children within the borders of
Lowndes County shows an increase
of something like 3,000 over the
original count, the loss of about \$20-
000 from the State school fund
which would have followed had the
first count been accepted as official
will not ensue.

Satisfied that the first enumera-
tion was erroneous and incomplete,
the board of supervisors employed
Prof. S. M. Nash, who for twenty
years served as county superintendent
of education and who is thor-
oughly familiar with conditions
among both schools and school chil-
dren, to make a second count, and
he succeeded in finding a large num-
ber of adolescents of educable age
who were overlooked by the gentle-
men who originally acted as enum-
erators.

Mr. Clay Lisle, business manager
of the A. & M. College Reflector,
was in the city on business Tuesday.

G. O. P. PLANS TO "PAN" THE SOUTH

HUGHES' ELECTION WILL
MEAN ROUGH TREAT-
MENT FOR DIXIE.

ENTIRE SECTION
TO BE IGNORED

To be Treated as the Cinderella
in the Household of the
Federal Union.

Washington, Sept. 20.—If the
logic of the Republican campaign
committee's amazingly sectional at-
tacks on southern congressmen and
the southern states should be applied
by a Republican administration (and
there would be no escape from its
application if the Democrats lose the
presidency and the congress in No-
vember) the political isolation of the
south will be attempted and mayhap
accomplished. The whole drift and
meaning of Republican attacks on
southern congressmen and the south
is set unmistakably in that direction.
The political isolation of the south
would necessarily imply its casting
off again in the matter of general
legislation by the congress as in mat-
ters having to do with the purely ad-
ministrative affairs of the national
government.

It is admitted and publicly pro-
claimed by Republican campaign
managers that henceforth the south
shall be kept in the foreground as
an issue in the campaign, harsher
things than have yet been said about
the south and its influence on na-
tional legislation will be heard when
Candidate Hughes enters the middle
west the coming week. He has been
told that the south is the old man
of the sea of the Wilson administration
and that it is up to him to inflame
the northern mind by his sectional
slogan. This sectional issue is wel-
comed by Candidate Hughes, who
finds in its adoption by the Republi-
can campaign committee a vindica-
tion of his "bloody flag" speeches in
the far northwest and on the Pacific
coast.

The political isolation of the south
would have another meaning beside
being treated as the Cinderella in
the household of the Federal Union.
Merely isolating the south politically
would not suffice to "make the pun-
ishment fit the crime" of its partici-
pation in governmental affairs under
a Democratic administration and
the influence in congress of southern
men, many of whom hold important
committee chairmanships by virtue
of the Republican established rule
of seniority.

The south must also be made to
suffer for the ascendancy of the
Democratic party. It must be hu-
miliated as a section and pilloried
publicly as a group of states.

Just how these punitive measures
shall be applied may be left to the
machinations of Republican partisans
dominated by such men as Chairman
Foss of the Republican campaign
publicity committee; Senator Smoot
of Utah, Senator Penrose of Penn-
sylvania and Senator Gallinger of
New Hampshire. They may be trusted
to see to it that the south is prop-
erly harried and disciplined not alone
for its geographical division, but for
the effrontery of its public men in
speaking their voices and casting
their votes in the shaping and enact-
ing of national legislation.

For that crime, committed under
the guarantee and in strict conform-
ity with provisions of the federal
constitution, the south will, in the
event of a Republican administration
be made a scapegoat to satisfy the
flaming passions of sectional agita-
tors like Candidate Hughes. Repre-
sentative Foss of Ohio, a former col-
lege president; Senator Smoot, of
Utah, whose right to a seat in the
United States Senate was challenged
by that great body and whose cre-
dentials were accepted only after an
exhaustive investigation; Senator
Penrose, the burly boss of Penn-
sylvania; Senator Gallinger, who still
imagines that there is no United
States outside the boundaries of the
territory which included New Eng-
land in the original 13 colonies.

Not only are native sons and
daughters of the south aghast at
these assaults by Republican cam-
paign managers and speakers, but
unprejudiced men and women of
other sections are amazed at this
eleventh hour flare-up of the fire
of sectionalism. Fair-minded and
patriotic men and women are asking
one another what is going to come
out of this senseless hue and cry
against the south as a section.

Not even in the contest between
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CONFEREES DISCUSS WHOLE MEXICAN AFFAIR



Photo by American Press Association.
Here are the men who have been trying to settle every phase of the Mexican situation at New London, Conn. Seated, left to right, are the American commissioners, J. R. Mott, George Gray and F. K. Lane, secretary of the interior, and the Mexican commissioners, L. Cabrera, Y. Bonillas and A. Paul. Standing, left to right, are S. Bonasi, special adviser; R. Lansing, secretary of state; E. Arredondo, Mexican envoy, and Dr. L. S. Rowe, commission secretary.

PLANT FOR MAKING GUN COTTON TO START UP SOON

MACHINERY BEING INSTALLED
AND OPERATION WILL
BEGIN SHORTLY.

Columbus now has one of the few
factories in the South devoted to the
production of war munitions, a plant
for the manufacture of gun cotton
having recently been established
here. The plant is owned by J. D.
Kennedy & Son, formerly of Mem-
phis, Tenn., and will soon be ready
to begin operations.

The plant has been established
for the purpose of treating linters
with a preparation that places them
in condition to receive and absorb
the nitrate which transfers them into
gun cotton. These linters will be
secured from oil mills in Columbus
and surrounding towns, and the plant
will run both night and day, its reg-
ular output being one hundred tons
of the finished product each month.
While only linters will be used for
the present, what is known as a
"shoddy" plant will later be installed
for the purpose of converting old
paper, rags and other similar mat-
terial into gun cotton. The concern
will start out with about fifty labor-
ers on its payroll, but after contem-
plated additions are made the num-
ber of employees will be materially
increased.

MISSISSIPPI A. & M. COLLEGE OPENS WITH BIG ATTENDANCE

LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
PRESENT AND PROSPEROUS
YEAR IS PROMISED.

Starkville, Miss., Sept. 20.—With
all former opening enrollment re-
cords at the Mississippi A. & M. Col-
lege already shattered, farmer boys
and future merchants from all parts
of the state continue to register at
the rate of 40 an hour. Although
the 1916-17 session did not formally
open until Tuesday, more than 700
boys have registered for the coming
year. In giving out comparative fig-
ures, Registrar J. C. Herbert stated
that the first day's registration to-
taled 506 students, against 328 for
the first registration day of last
year. The registrar anticipated the
enrollment would be 300 in excess of
the 595 students registered at the
opening of last session. President
W. H. Smith, who is actively in-
volved in the affairs of the college
and is looking after their comfort.
While he anticipates a far greater
enrollment than in former years, he
is making preparations to provide
comfortable quarters for all who
come. Dr. B. M. Walker, vice-presi-
dent, and Prof. F. J. Weddell, head
of the English department, are at-
tending to the classification of the
students and helping all new students
to get straightened out before classes
begin. They report that the new
students are unusually well equip-
ped and expect a high standard of
scholarship during the coming year.
A strong programme was arranged
for the opening, with President
Smith, Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo, and sev-
eral members of the board of trust-
ees to make addresses.

The numerous friends of Mr. Cecil
Nash regret to learn that he con-
tinues ill at his home on North Third
avenue.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS FUNERAL OF SISTER AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

HIS AUNT ADDRESSES HIM AS
"TOMMY" WHEN HE VISITS
HIS BOYHOOD HOME.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 20.—Presi-
dent Wilson, who came here Monday
for the funeral of his only sister,
Mrs. Anne E. Howe, left at 6:15
o'clock for the summer White House
at Long Branch, N. J. He went to
West End, N. J., shortly after 2
o'clock Tuesday afternoon, where he
took automobile to Shadow Lawn.

After participating in the funeral
of Mrs. Howe and standing with sad-
dened face at the grave side, the
President took an automobile ride
around Columbia, visiting relatives
and the place where he spent some
of his boyhood days. He was ac-
companied by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Mar-
garet Wilson and Dr. C. T. Grayson,
the White House physician.

When the President's special train
pulled out several thousand South
Carolina people thronged the rail-
road station and stood silently with
bared heads. The President bowed
quietly. His face was graver than
usual.

On his motor ride the President
visited Mrs. James Woodrow, an
aunt, who welcomed him as "Tom-
my" and remarked to Mrs. Wilson,
"Since he took to writing books
he calls himself Woodrow."

Mr. Wilson then visited the Colum-
bia Theological Seminary, where his
father once taught, and was shown
the chair and room used by the elder
Mr. Wilson. He was told of a plan
to name a library planned by the
seminary after his father. Afterwards
he and Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Grayson
walked to the house planned and
built by his parents, and in which he
lived for several years.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER
THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN
A BRIEF FORM.

William Mallette, negro, was ar-
rested Tuesday by United States se-
cret service agents aboard President
Wilson's special train at Raleigh, N.
C., after he had threatened and at-
tempted to board the private car oc-
cupied by the president and his party
returning to Long Branch, N. J.,
from Columbia, S. C. The negro had
purchased a ticket for Washington,
but missed the regular train which
left Raleigh shortly after midnight.
The president's special, following
made a brief stop at the union sta-
tion and Mallette attempted to board
it. He was delivered to the police
who entered a charge of drunkenness
and disorderly conduct against him.
Private John Cline, Company B
second Missouri regiment, was shot
and killed Monday night by a mili-
tary guard at Dolores. Lieutenant
Zellum ordered Cline's arrest and
Cline becoming enraged, leveled his
rifle at the lieutenant, whereupon
the guard fired, according to mili-
tary authorities. The name of the
guard is withheld.

The fourth biennial session of the
national conference of Catholic
charities began at Catholic Univer-
sity in Washington Monday with an
attendance of nearly 1000 delegates
representing Catholic charity organi-
zations in 28 states.

FAIR COLUMBIAN HEADS STAFF OF THE SPECTATOR

MISS MATTIE PEGUES EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF OF COLLEGE
PUBLICATION.

The Mississippi Industrial Institute
and College began its thirty-second
annual session Tuesday, and follow-
ing the opening of the school, publi-
cation of The Spectator, the official
organ of the student body, will be
speedily resumed, the first issue for
the current session being scheduled
to make its appearance early in Oc-
tober.

Miss Mattie Pegues, a charming
Columbus girl, is editor-in-chief of
the publication, and during the ses-
sion which has just opened will be
assisted by the following staff: Busi-
ness manager, Miss Margaret Owen
Muskogee, Oklahoma; assistant busi-
ness manager, Miss Claude M. Chap-
man, Holly Springs; local editor,
Miss Catherine Stover, Louisville;
editor "Who's Who" department,
Miss Essie Cogan, Laurel; athletic
editor, Miss Frances Walton Reeves
Greenwood; local editor, Miss Irene
Bass, Greenville.

The College Reflector, the official
publication of the student body of
the A. & M. College at Starkville, is
also printed in this city, and arrange-
ments are being made to resume pub-
lication, which was suspended when
the school closed last spring.

EXODUS OF NEGROES MAKES LABOR FAMINE IMMINENT

BLACKS LEAVING LOWNDES BY
THE HUNDREDS FOR
NORTHERN CITIES.

The exodus of negroes from Col-
umbus and the contiguous territory
is assuming alarming proportions,
and if it keeps up much longer local
farmers and others who employ la-
borers will be called upon to face a
decidedly serious situation. Fifty
blacks are said to have left Colum-
bus on one train a few nights ago,
and hundreds have preceded them,
while, according to rumor, additional
hundreds are preparing to follow
them just as soon as they can raise
sufficient funds to purchase trans-
portation.

It will be remembered that a labor
agent visited Columbus several
weeks ago, and was preparing to take
a large party of negroes away with
him when his scheme was nipped in
the bud by a number of prominent
citizens and emphatically informed
that such proceedings would not be
tolerated in this community.

The exodus of negroes is being
caused largely by the demand for
unskilled labor in the north, and
Columbus is by no means the only
Southern city that has suffered. The
numerous munition plants that have
been established at various places
north of Mason and Dixon's line has
created a demand for labor that the
local supply can not furnish; and
employers, taking advantage of the
fact that poor crops and other un-
favorable conditions have thrown
many Southern negroes temporarily
out of employment, are inducing
them to go North, where lucrative
jobs are promised. Birmingham,
which is one of the largest and most
important labor centers in the South
has experienced a great deal of
trouble, and, according to an esti-
mate published in a recent issue of
the Birmingham News, between four

BIG ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL IN-
STITUTIONS OPENED
WITH MANY PUPILS.

MORE THAN 900 IN
WHITE SCHOOLS

Opening Exercises Held in
Franklin Academy Chapel
Monday Morning.

The public schools of Columbus
opened Monday morning and the
session promises to be a most pros-
perous one, as the attendance was
unusually large and will undoubtedly
materially increase during the
next few weeks, as many families
are still at the summer resorts, and
will not return until October, when
their children will join other ado-
lescents in their search for knowledge.

Opening exercises were held in
the chapel of Franklin Academy at
9 o'clock Monday morning, when
brief talks were made by pastors of
several local churches, among the
speakers having been Dr. J. L. Vip-
perman, pastor of the First Baptist
Church, Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and
Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First
Methodist Church. Hon. H. L. Whit-
field, president of the Industrial In-
stitute and College, who is also a
public school trustee, was invited to
deliver an address and had accepted
the invitation, but was kept so busy
receiving students at the institution
over which he presides, which opened
its regular session Tuesday, that he
found it impossible to fill the engage-
ment.

The attendance at the public
schools has increased so rapidly dur-
ing the past few years that additional
accommodations have become abso-
lutely necessary, and the people have
provided for these accommodations
by voting bonds in the sum of \$50,
000 for the erection and equipment
of a high school building. The old
Stephen D. Lee homestead on North
Seventh street has been purchased
as a site for the school, and plans
have been drawn by Architect J. P.
Krouse, of Meridian. The contract
for the construction of the building
has not yet been awarded, however,
and it will therefore be several
months before it is completed and
ready for occupancy.

Prof. W. V. Frierson is the ef-
ficient superintendent of the public
schools, and is assisted by a full
corps of capable instructors.

The following is a complete list
of the public school instructors and
their assignments for the session
which was inaugurated Monday:

W. V. Frierson, superintendent.
High School—Miss Alice Halbert,
history; Miss A. T. Hamilton, history
and mathematics; Miss Beulah Buck-
ley, English and science; Mr. W. C.
Moore, Latin; T. E. Lott, principal,
mathematics.

Franklin Grammar School—Miss
Della Love, 8th grade; Miss Olivia
Leigh, 7th grade; Miss Tillie Webb
6th grade; Miss Frances Johnson
5th grade; Mrs. Margie B. Patterson
4th grade; Miss Bell Lanier, 3rd and
4th grades; Mrs. Laura Beard, 3rd
grade; Miss Beulah Smith, 2nd
grade; Miss Frances Shirley, 1st and
2nd grades; Miss Callie Lanier, 1st
grade; Miss Adele Ervin, primary.
Barrow Memorial School—Mrs. A.
T. Sale, principal; Miss M. L. Ste-
phenson, 7th grade; Mrs. Emma Ste-
phenson, 6th grade; Miss Bessie Weaver
5th grade; Miss Mamie Locke, 4th
grade; Miss Elizabeth Kennebrev
3rd grade; Miss Frances Bishop, 2nd
grade; Miss Dollie Locke, 1st grade;
Miss Mary Stokes, primary.

Air Line—Miss Beulah Sharp.
Miss Gladys McGeorge, drawing.
Miss Annie Neilson, Miss Grey
Irion, Miss Julia Eckford, music.
Union Academy—T. P. Harris,
principal; H. E. Coleman, 8th and
9th grades; B. E. Hughes, 7th grade;
T. T. Hamilton, manual training; M.
L. Hunter, 6th grade; E. P. Stevens
5th grade; L. A. Roberts, 4th grade;
Lillie Roberts, 3rd grade; R. A.
Mitchell, 2nd grade; R. B. Bailey,
1st grade; J. M. Taylor, 1st grade;
M. L. Davis and Sarah Walker, pri-
mary.

and five thousand negroes have left
that city for northern points within
the past few months.

The situation became so grave in
Birmingham that local civic bodies
officially requested the railroads not
to sell tickets to large parties, and
it might be well for the local Cham-
ber of Commerce to make a similar
request of transportation lines cen-
tering in Columbus.

VETERANS' SONS NAME OFFICERS

THOSE NOT FORMERLY
NAMED SELECTED AT
MONDAY MEETING.

PLANNING FOR
VETS' REUNION

Various Patriotic Organi-
zations Meet Tonight to Ar-
range a Program.

An enthusiastic meeting of the
newly organized camp of the Sons
of Confederate Veterans was held at
the city hall Monday night, at which
time officers not elected at a former
meeting held last week were named
and other important business was
transacted. A commander and adju-
tant were elected at the former meet-
ing and the officers named Monday
night were as follows: First Lieut-
enant commander, I. I. Kaufman;
second lieutenant-commander, C. B.
Smith; surgeon, Dr. J. W. Lipscomb;
quartermaster, Geo. O. Senter; chap-
lain, Rev. W. S. Slack; color sar-
geant, Jno. A. Morton; historian,
Dabney Lipscomb.

The election of Prof. Dabney Lip-
comb as historian made it necessary
to select a man to succeed him as
temporary adjutant, he having been
selected for that position at the in-
itial meeting of the camp, and Mr.
Davis Patty was named to succeed
him.

At the initial meeting of the camp
a committee was appointed to solicit
new members, and on Monday night
a second committee was named. These
two bodies will engage in a con-
test to see which can secure the
largest number of members. The
committee named Monday night con-
sists of Prof. W. V. Frierson, Messrs.
C. B. Smith, E. A. Stanley, P. D.
Ellis, J. R. Randle, Davis Patty and
E. E. Richards. The original com-
mittee consists of Messrs. M. C. Van-
diver, Brooks McGowan, George O.
Senter, R. E. Johnston, J. B. Wil-
liams, Jno. A. Morton and I. I. Kauf-
man, and each of these two bodies
will make an earnest effort to secure
as many members as possible.

Another meeting will be held
Thursday night, the purpose of
which is to arrange for the entertain-
ment of the Mississippi Division,
United Confederate Veterans, which
is to hold its annual reunion here in
November, and in addition to the
Sons of Veterans, members of Isham
Harrison Camp, No. 27, United Con-
federate Veterans, and Stephen D.
Lee Chapter, Daughters of the Con-
federacy will participate in this
gathering.

The new camp starts out under
most auspicious conditions, as the
address recently delivered here by
Gen. N. B. Forrest, adjutant-general
of the organization, was very inspir-
ing, while the selection of Hon. B. A.
Lincoln as commander has awakened
much interest, Major Lincoln being
one of the best known men in the
county and being extremely popular
in business, political and fraternal
circles.

SLIGHT RECESSION TAKES PLACE IN COTTON PRICES

SESSION YESTERDAY BROUGHT
DECLINE OF FROM 7
TO 10 POINTS.

After having scored a decided ad-
vance on Tuesday, the cotton market
weakened yesterday, and there was
a slight decline in prices, the net loss
on the day having ranged from 7 to
10 points. The short crop, however,
will necessarily force consumers to
pay good prices for the staple, and
while temporary declines will doubt-
less be experienced throughout the
fall and winter, the general trend of
the market is practically sure to be
upward.

At the close of business yesterday
afternoon New York spots were
quoted at 15.80, December futures
in New York at 16 cents, New Or-
leans spots at 15.38 and December
futures in New Orleans at 15.68. In
the local market good middling was
quoted at 15 cents.

Mr. L. B. Divelbiss left Monday
night for Dallas, Texas, where he is
attending a convention of the sales-
men of the Corona Typewriter Com-
pany. Mr. Divelbiss will be among
those on the program, being the
only Mississippian to deliver an ad-
dress.